

APPENDIX G

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS



This appendix lists the comment letters and provides a summary of the comments received during the public scoping period that began on April 18, 2008 and ended on May 23, 2008.

This list of comment letters includes an assigned identification number, the comment author, and the affiliation of the comment author. The identification number was assigned upon receipt of the comment letter. The summary of comments includes the comment letter number, the category appropriate to the concern or issue, and a synopsis of each comment. The comment summary table is sorted by the assigned category.

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List of Comment Letters Received

Letter No.	Author	Affiliation
1	Francis Cherry	Kern River Gas Transmission Company
2	Personal information withheld	The View at Black Mountain Home Owners Association
3	Personal information withheld	Individual
4	Personal information withheld	Individual
5	Rich MacDonald	Foothills Partners, et. al.
6	Terry Slotnick	The View at Black Mountain Home Owners Association
7	Personal information withheld	The View of Black Mountain Home Owners Association
8	James B. Gibson	City of Henderson
9	Personal information withheld	Individual
10	John Hiatt	Individual
11	Celeste Bove	Individual
12	D. Bradford Hardenbrook	Nevada Department of Wildlife
13	Krista Coulter	Nevada State Clearinghouse
14	Rebecca Palmer	State Historic Preservation Office
15	David Bereskin	City of North Las Vegas Utilities Department
16	Personal information withheld	The View at Black Mountain Home Owners Association
17	Steven Fish	Individual
18	Personal information withheld	The View at Black Mountain Home Owners Association
19	Mary Nishimura	Individual
20	Personal information withheld	The View at Black Mountain Home Owners Association
21	Personal information withheld	The View at Black Mountain Home Owners Association
22	John Jansson	Homeowner
23	Robert D. Williams	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
24	Personal information withheld	Individual
25	Eric Blumensaadt	Black Mountain Vistas Home Owners Association
26	Personal information withheld	Individual
27	Personal information withheld	Black Mountain Vistas Home Owners Association
28	Carol Shimer	Individual
29	Misty Smock	The View at Black Mountain Home Owners Association

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30	Personal information withheld	The View at Black Mountain Home Owners Association
31	Personal information withheld	The View at Black Mountain Home Owners Association
32	Personal information withheld	Individual
33	Personal information withheld	Individual
34	Personal information withheld	Individual
35	Ben and Mary Ann Duffy	Individual
36	Personal information withheld	Black Mountain Vistas Home Owners Association
37	Personal information withheld	Individual
38	Michael Forman	Green Valley Ranch Community Association
39	Glenn Sneeep and Tara Meyers	Individual
40	Personal information withheld	The View at Black Mountain Home Owners Association
41	Al Kueker	Individual
42	Personal information withheld	Individual
43	John Stapleton	The View at Black Mountain Home Owners Association
44	Personal information withheld	The View at Black Mountain Home Owners Association
45	Chris Miller	Individual
46	Personal information withheld	Individual
47	Personal information withheld	The View at Black Mountain Home Owners Association
48	Personal information withheld	The View at Black Mountain Home Owners Association
49	Joe Karonovich	Individual
50	Mary Lou Rigillo	Individual
51	Personal information withheld	Individual
52	Personal information withheld	Individual
53	Matt Prach	The View at Black Mountain Home Owners Association
54	Laurie Young	The View
55	Robert and Maxie Orner	Individual
56	Personal information withheld	Individual
57	Personal information withheld	Individual
58	Personal information withheld	The View at Black Mountain Home Owners Association
59	Marvin Kaminsky	Black Mountain Vistas Home Owners Association
60	Personal information withheld	Individual
61	Kristine Cunningham	Sierra Club
62	Personal information withheld	Individual
63	Personal information withheld	Black Mountain Vistas Home Owners Association
64	Randall H. Walker	McCarran International Airport
65	George & Joann Kish	Individual
66	Marci D. Henson	Clark County Desert Conservation Program

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67	Personal information withheld	Individual
68	Mark Young	Young at Art
69	Personal information withheld	Individual
70	Personal information withheld	Individual
71	Personal information withheld	Individual
72	Donald Sardano	Roma Homes, LLC
73	Tim and Cher Southwick	Individual
74	Personal information withheld	Individual
75	Troy Henderson	Individual
76	Edward R. Washington	Individual
77	Personal information withheld	Individual
78	Misty Smock	The View at Black Mountain Home Owners Association



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8	Air Quality	Trench construction of the north alignment would adversely affect the air quality of adjacent residents.
20, 21, 30, 32, 39, 40, 42 - 58, 60, 61, 72, 74, 78	Air Quality	Construction and unvegetated surfaces would be a source of fugitive dust.
25	Air Quality	Trench construction of the north alignment would adversely affect the air quality due to fugitive dust.
29	Air Quality	Construction and unvegetated surfaces on Black Mountain would be a source of fugitive dust.
31	Air Quality	Unvegetated surfaces would be a source of fugitive dust.
63	Air Quality	The southern alternative for the treated water conveyance element would generate less fugitive dust near residential areas.
69	Air Quality	Construction would adversely affect air quality by generating fugitive dust near residential areas.
4	Alternative Preference	Prefers alignment with regulating reservoir on south side of Black Mountain.
17	Alternative Preference	Opposes north alignment in the vicinity of Black Mountain.
28	Alternative Preference	Prefers alternative south of the detention basin with Eldorado (should be College) turnout and no East regulating reservoir.
46	Alternative Preference	Alternative route #4 as shown during the scoping meetings is preferred.
47	Alternative Preference	Alternative route #4 as shown during the scoping meetings is preferred.
49	Alternative Preference	Segment of north alignment along the south side of Black Mountain is preferred.
50	Alternative Preference	Segment of north alignment along the south side of Black Mountain is preferred.
57	Alternative Preference	The south alignment is preferred.
63	Alternative Preference	The south alignment is preferred.
70	Alternative Preference	Prefers the southern alternative for the treated water conveyance element.
75	Alternative Preference	The north alignment would be move disruptive to the community.
78	Alternative Preference	The south alignment is preferred.
8	Alternatives	Consider an alternative alignment that tunnels under Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area to minimize disruptions to residents and businesses.
8	Alternatives	Consider an alternative alignment that trenches through Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area along the proposed McCullough Pass Road/Trail to minimize



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		disruptions to residents and businesses.
9	Alternatives	Consider an alternative that tunnels entirely from Lake Mead to the center of the valley.
36	Alternatives	Cost should be the deciding factor for the alternative.
59	Alternatives	Consider an alternative alignment through Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area to minimize disruptions to traffic and minimize costs.
76	Alternatives	Consider an alternative of pumping water in pipes over the River Mountains instead of tunneling; it may be less costly.
4	Biological Resources	Construction would cause wildlife to flee into nearby residential areas thereby creating a nuisance.
7	Biological Resources	The north alignment in the vicinity of Black Mountain would adversely affect wildlife habitat for desert tortoise, kit fox, bobcat, and bighorn sheep.
12	Biological Resources	Provided list of state protected species that may be found in the project vicinity.
20, 21, 30, 32, 39, 40, 42 - 58, 60, 61, 72, 74, 78	Biological Resources	The alignment on the south side of Black Mountain has existing soil disturbance from a detention basin.
20, 21, 30, 32, 39, 40, 42 - 58, 60, 61, 72, 74, 78	Biological Resources	The north alignment in the vicinity of Black Mountain would adversely affect wildlife habitat for desert tortoise, kit fox, bobcat, and bighorn sheep.
22	Biological Resources	The regulating reservoir on Black Mountain would adversely affect habitats and natural landscape near residential areas.
23	Biological Resources	The northern alternative for the treated water conveyance element would minimize impacts to desert tortoise because the alignment is more urbanized.
23	Biological Resources	The project may affect desert tortoise due to habitat fragmentation, devegetation, introduction of non-native species, and altered fire regime.
23	Biological Resources	Analyze the potential for the project to increase non-native invasive species, and include measures to avoid or minimize their spread.
23	Biological Resources	Analyze effects to and develop avoidance and mitigation measures for the Gila monster, bighorn sheep, rosy two-tone beardtongue, and burrowing owls.
23	Biological Resources	Impacts to nesting migratory birds should be avoided by constructing outside of the nesting season or establishing non-disturbance buffers around active nests.
23	Biological Resources	The construction and design of new structures and facilities should incorporate measures to minimize impacts to cavity nesting birds and perching raptors.
26	Biological Resources	The regulating reservoir on Black Mountain would destroy habitat for the desert tortoise, fox, bobcat, and desert bighorn sheep.



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26	Biological Resources	The alignment on the south side of Black Mountain would have less impact to habitat because of existing disturbance from a detention basin.
29	Biological Resources	The alignment on the south side of Black Mountain would have less impact to habitat because of existing disturbance from a detention basin.
29	Biological Resources	The north alignment and regulating reservoir on Black Mountain would displace wildlife and adversely affect habitat for desert tortoise, kit fox, coyote, bobcat, and bighorn sheep.
31	Biological Resources	The northern treated water conveyance element alternative would adversely affect wildlife habitat near residential areas.
66	Biological Resources	The raw water transmission element alternatives may affect desert bighorn sheep winter range.
66	Biological Resources	The project area is historically desert tortoise habitat.
66	Biological Resources	A sensitive moss species has been documented in the vicinity of the northern tunnel portal.
67	Biological Resources	The alignment on the south side of Black Mountain would have less impact to habitat because of existing disturbance from a detention basin.
67	Biological Resources	The north alignment and regulating reservoir on Black Mountain would displace wildlife and adversely affect habitat for desert tortoise, kit fox, and bighorn sheep.
14	Cultural Resources and Native American Concerns	Cooperation with Section 106 consultation.
66	Cultural Resources and Native American Concerns	The raw water transmission element alternatives may affect a cultural area in the River Mountains Area of Critical Environmental Concern.
20, 21, 30, 32, 39, 40, 42 - 58, 60, 61, 72, 74, 78	Geology, Topography, Soils	The alignment on the south side of Black Mountain would have less impact to habitat because of existing disturbance from a detention basin.
26	Geology, Topography, Soils	The alignment on the south side of Black Mountain has existing soil disturbance from a detention basin.
29	Geology, Topography, Soils	The alignment on the south side of Black Mountain has existing soil disturbance from a detention basin.
31	Geology, Topography, Soils	The alignment on the south side of Black Mountain has existing soil disturbance from a detention basin.
41	Geology, Topography, Soils	Construction of the regulating reservoir along Black Mountain would cause considerable ground disturbance.
44	Geology, Topography, Soils	North alignment in vicinity of Black Mountain would add to the existing hillside damage occurring around Las Vegas.



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52	Geology, Topography, Soils	Construction of the pipeline north of Black Mountain would disturb the fragile soil conditions creating additional fugitive dust.
67	Geology, Topography, Soils	The alignment on the south side of Black Mountain has existing soil disturbance from a detention basin.
6	Land Use	The regulating reservoir on the north side of Black Mountain would be too close to the adjacent homes.
27	Land Use	Alignment should be away from houses.
38	Land Use	Ownership of the parcels within the north alignment is not clearly established.
38	Land Use	Proximity of houses to north alignment would make construction difficult.
64	Land Use	Construction of the south alignment would occur in airport protected land use at the end of the runway.
66	Land Use	The raw water transmission element alternatives may affect an Intensively Managed Area, which is part of the Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan conservation reserve.
73	NEPA Process	Homeowners' comments on which alternative makes sense will not matter.
4	Noise and Vibration	Construction noise would adversely impact nearby residential areas.
8	Noise and Vibration	Noise from construction of the north alignment would adversely affect adjacent residents.
19	Noise and Vibration	Construction may damage the structural integrity of nearby homes.
20, 21, 30, 32, 39, 40, 42 - 58, 60, 61, 72, 74, 78	Noise and Vibration	Construction of the regulating reservoir on Black Mountain would be a source of noise affecting nearby residential areas.
25	Noise and Vibration	Noise from construction of the north treated water conveyance alignment would adversely affect adjacent residents.
29	Noise and Vibration	Construction of the regulating reservoir on Black Mountain would be a source of noise affecting nearby residential areas.
34	Noise and Vibration	Construction of the northern treated water conveyance element alternative would generate noise affecting nearby residential areas.
69	Noise and Vibration	Construction would generate noise near residential areas.
44	Outside Scope of EIS	Voters will not re-elect current office holders.
69	Outside Scope of EIS	Linear park system has not been completed.
73	Outside Scope of EIS	No action by city to develop parks and rid the area of power line easements within vicinity of north alignment.
2	Purpose and Need	No issues with project.



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10	Purpose and Need	Disclose if the purpose and need of the project would be to provide system redundancy or to facilitate new growth.
13	Purpose and Need	No comments on the project.
15	Purpose and Need	No issues with and supports the project.
30	Purpose and Need	Acknowledge the need for the pipeline and reservoir.
36	Purpose and Need	Valley has a need for more water due to overbuilding.
7	Recreation and Wilderness	The north alignment in the vicinity of Black Mountain would adversely affect access to hiking trails and destroy some trails.
8	Recreation and Wilderness	The north alignment would adversely affect parks and access to recreational facilities.
9	Recreation and Wilderness	The northern alternative for the treated water conveyance element would delay the completion of the Armagosa Trail.
11	Recreation and Wilderness	Evaluate the impact of project alternatives on access to hiking trails.
20, 21, 30, 32, 39, 40, 42 - 58, 60, 61, 72, 74, 78	Recreation and Wilderness	The north alignment in the vicinity of Black Mountain would adversely affect access to hiking trails and destroy some trails.
20, 21, 30, 32, 39, 40, 42 - 58, 60, 61, 72, 74, 78	Recreation and Wilderness	The maintenance road for the alternative segment south of Black Mountain may be incorporated into the City of Henderson bike path program.
25	Recreation and Wilderness	The north alignment would delay completion of recreation trails in the City of Henderson.
26	Recreation and Wilderness	The north alignment in the vicinity of Black Mountain would adversely affect hiking trails.
26	Recreation and Wilderness	The maintenance road for the alternative segment south of Black Mountain may be incorporated into the City of Henderson bike path program.
29	Recreation and Wilderness	The maintenance road for the alternative segment south of Black Mountain may be incorporated into the City of Henderson bike path program.
29	Recreation and Wilderness	The north alignment and regulating reservoir in the vicinity of Black Mountain would adversely affect access to hiking trails and destroy some trails.
29	Recreation and Wilderness	The maintenance road for the alternative segment south of Black Mountain may be incorporated into the City of Henderson bike path program.
31	Recreation and Wilderness	The northern treated water conveyance element alternative would disturb hiking areas.
34	Recreation and Wilderness	Construction of the northern treated water conveyance element alternative would block access to recreation trails and delay development of parks.
63	Recreation and Wilderness	The north alignment would affect the opening of the Armagosa Trail.
67	Recreation and Wilderness	The north alignment and regulating reservoir in the vicinity of Black Mountain would adversely affect access to hiking trails and destroy some trails.



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67	Recreation and Wilderness	Maintenance roads for a regulating reservoir behind Black Mountain could be incorporated into the City's bike path program.
69	Recreation and Wilderness	The northern treated water conveyance element alternative would affect completion of recreational trails.
3	Socioeconomics	The visual intrusion of the regulating reservoir on the north side of Black Mountain would adversely affect adjacent property values.
4	Socioeconomics	The visual intrusion of the regulating reservoir on the north side of Black Mountain would adversely affect adjacent property values.
5	Socioeconomics	Construction costs of the south alignment would be greater because of the extensive tunneling. The north alignment follows existing utility easements and would be less expensive to construct.
7	Socioeconomics	The visual intrusion of the pipeline and regulating reservoir on the north side of Black Mountain and the destruction of hiking trails would adversely affect adjacent property values.
8	Socioeconomics	The northern alignment would be more costly to construct because it is longer and still requires pipeline routes to supply the supplemental turnouts.
8	Socioeconomics	Construction of an alignment under or through Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area would be less disruptive to businesses.
9	Socioeconomics	The northern alternative for the treated water conveyance element would be more costly.
10	Socioeconomics	The south alignment would be less disruptive to adjacent residents.
10	Socioeconomics	Disclose how the project would be financed, including the obligation of existing and future customers.
16	Socioeconomics	The visual intrusion of the regulating reservoir on the north side of Black Mountain would adversely affect adjacent property values.
18	Socioeconomics	The visual intrusion of the regulating reservoir on the north side of Black Mountain would adversely affect adjacent property values.
19	Socioeconomics	The visual intrusion of the project may adversely affect property values.
20, 21, 30, 32, 39, 40, 42 - 58, 60, 61, 72, 74, 78	Socioeconomics	The visual intrusion of the pipeline and regulating reservoir on Black Mountain and the destruction of hiking trails would adversely affect adjacent property values.
22	Socioeconomics	The regulating reservoir on Black Mountain would adversely affect property values in adjacent residential areas.
24	Socioeconomics	Effects of long-term and on-going construction projects on local residents should be considered.



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25	Socioeconomics	The northern treated water conveyance element alternative would adversely impact public safety as an attractive nuisance.
26	Socioeconomics	The regulating reservoir on Black Mountain would adversely affect property values in nearby residential areas.
29	Socioeconomics	The visual intrusion of the pipeline and regulating reservoir on Black Mountain and the destruction of hiking trails would adversely affect adjacent property values.
29	Socioeconomics	The pipeline and regulating reservoir on Black Mountain would adversely affect property values in adjacent residential areas.
31	Socioeconomics	The regulating reservoir on Black Mountain would adversely affect property values in adjacent residential areas.
33	Socioeconomics	South alignment would be less disruptive to the community.
34	Socioeconomics	South alignment would be less disruptive to the community.
35	Socioeconomics	South alignment would be less disruptive to the community and more cost-effective.
36	Socioeconomics	The north alignment would be the most disruptive and the most expensive.
37	Socioeconomics	South alignment would be less disruptive to the community.
38	Socioeconomics	The north alignment would disrupt community service facilities.
41	Socioeconomics	The south alignment would be least disruptive to the community.
41	Socioeconomics	Safety concerns having a 40 million gallon regulating reservoir constructed on a hillside.
62	Socioeconomics	The south alignment would be least disruptive to the community.
65	Socioeconomics	The north alignment would be very disruptive to the adjacent residential areas.
67	Socioeconomics	The visual intrusion of the regulating reservoir on Black Mountain would affect property values of nearby residential areas.
68	Socioeconomics	The south alignment would be less disruptive to the community.
69	Socioeconomics	The south alignment would cause less disruption to local community and be less expensive.
71	Socioeconomics	The south alignment would be least disruptive to the community and more cost effective.
73	Socioeconomics	The south alignment would cost less and create less disruption.
77	Socioeconomics	The south alignment would cost less and create less disruption.
8	Transportation and Traffic	Construction of the north alignment would disrupt traffic patterns of residents.
8	Transportation and Traffic	Construction of the north alignment in the utility corridor would adversely affect a safe route access to schools.



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41	Transportation and Traffic	Construction in the north alignment would cause detours, road closures, increased construction traffic, and dust for many years.
59	Transportation and Traffic	Consider an alternative alignment through Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area to minimize disruptions to traffic.
63	Transportation and Traffic	Residential areas would be less affected by construction traffic for the south alignment.
64	Transportation and Traffic	Construction and maintenance of the south alignment would adversely affect the operation of Henderson Executive Airport.
65	Transportation and Traffic	Construction of the northern alternative for the treated water conveyance element would adversely affect traffic.
69	Transportation and Traffic	Construction of the northern alternative for the treated water conveyance element would adversely affect traffic.
1	Utilities	Consider the needs of other utility corridors traversing the valley, complimenting SNWA needs, while not negatively affecting other transmission needs either economically or environmentally.
1	Utilities	Design the pipeline to allow adequate space at locations of future utilities to cross at right angles to the pipeline to minimize interference and construction damage.
10	Utilities	Disclose the quantity and source of energy required to pump water and if a new coal-fired power plant would be needed to meet these requirements.
25	Utilities	Following the existing raw water line would require less pumping and save energy costs over time.
38	Utilities	The north alignment is crisscrossed by utility lines making construction difficult.
62	Utilities	The southern alternative for the treated water conveyance element would be easier to repair.
65	Utilities	Power utilities would be relocated to accommodate construction of the north alignment.
76	Utilities	The south alignment would be least disruptive to existing infrastructure.
3	Visual Resources	The regulating reservoir on the north side of Black Mountain would affect the natural and visual landscape.
4	Visual Resources	The regulating reservoir on the north side of Black Mountain would affect the natural and visual landscape.
6	Visual Resources	The south alignment would be less damaging to views.
7	Visual Resources	The regulating reservoir on the north side of Black Mountain would affect the natural and visual landscape.
8	Visual Resources	Construction of the north alignment would adversely affect the visual environment of adjacent residents.
11	Visual Resources	Evaluate the impact of project alternatives on aesthetics.
16	Visual Resources	The regulating reservoir on the north side of Black Mountain would affect the natural and visual landscape.



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18	Visual Resources	The regulating reservoir on the north side of Black Mountain would affect the natural and visual landscape.
20, 21, 30, 32, 39, 40, 42 - 58, 60, 61, 72, 74, 78	Visual Resources	The pipeline and regulating reservoir on Black Mountain would adversely affect the views of the adjacent residents.
22	Visual Resources	The regulating reservoir would block views of Black Mountain from adjacent residential areas.
25	Visual Resources	The north alignment would adversely affect the visual environment of nearby residents.
29	Visual Resources	The north alignment would affect the natural and visual landscape and adversely affect the views of adjacent residents.
31	Visual Resources	The regulating reservoir would block views of Black Mountain from adjacent residential areas.
41	Visual Resources	Construction of the regulating reservoir on Black Mountain would adversely affect the visual quality of a local landmark.
66	Visual Resources	The raw water transmission element alternatives may affect scenic resources in the River Mountains Area of Critical Environmental Concern.
67	Visual Resources	A regulating reservoir on Black Mountain would adversely affect views of nearby residential areas.
68	Visual Resources	Construction of the regulating reservoir on Black Mountain would adversely affect the visual quality of a local landmark and natural landscape.
10	Water Resources	Disclose if there is enough capacity at Lake Mead with the third intake to meet existing and future obligations.
10	Water Resources	Discuss if insufficient water supplies from Lake Mead would render the pipeline obsolete in the future.
23	Water Resources	Construction of the project should avoid impacts to Waters of the U.S., including ephemeral washes, and the Corps should permit impacts.